

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A foldable and sealable packet, the packet comprising:
folding perforations on the packet to define locations for folding;
a sealant, wherein the sealant maintains the shape of the packet after the
packet is folded at the folding perforations, wherein after the packet is folded and at
5 least partially sealed, the packet is formed to become a container to receive the
contents; and
a bar code on the packet, the bar code containing information directed at
least to contents of the packet.
2. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, wherein the contents include
at least one of medication and hardware.
3. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 2, wherein the medication
includes at least one of capsules, tablets, gelcaps, dissolving strips, and caplets.
4. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising human
readable information printed on the packet.
5. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 4, wherein the human readable
information is directed to at least one of a patient who is intended to receive the
packet, the contents of the packet, and instructions for opening the packet.
6. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising an image
that represents the contents of the packet.
7. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising a
polycoat portion.

8. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising a tear off perforation portion enabling the removal of individual foldable and sealable packets in a strip of foldable and sealable packets.

9. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, wherein the bar code is a RSS/CS barcode.

10. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, wherein the packet comprises blister packs.

11. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 10, wherein the blister packs are formed with at least one of a paper and film portion having an ink layer disposed thereon, and wherein the ink layer is adapted to be removed by a laser.

12. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 10, further comprising a RSS/CS bar code formed in the at least one of paper and film by the removal of the ink by the laser.

12. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, wherein a first of a plurality foldable and sealable packets comprises information regarding the remaining ones of the foldable and sealable packets in the strip.

13. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising a removable tab portion.

14. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 13, wherein the removable tab portion comprises a CS portion of a RSS/CS bar code and a part of a linear portion of the RSS/CS barcode, and the portion of the foldable and sealable packet adjacent to the tab portion comprises another substantially identical CS portion and another part of the linear portion.

15. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 14, wherein the removable tab, when removed, comprises a copy of the RSS/CS barcode on the portion of the foldable and sealable packet of claim adjacent to the tab portion.

16. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising an at least partially transparent window that enables a person to see the contents of the foldable and sealable packet.

17. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of foldable and sealable packets formed in a web of a roll of foldable and sealable packets.

18. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 1, further comprising at least one shape printed on the foldable and sealable packet, wherein the shape represents information directed to at least one of the contents of the foldable and sealable packet and the person who receives the foldable and sealable packet.

19. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 18, wherein the at least one shape is formed as at least one of a polygon, a bar, and a circle.

20. The foldable and sealable packet of claim 18, wherein the information regards at least one dosage, frequency of use, time of day for ingestion and warnings directed to the contents of the foldable and sealable packet.

21. A method for producing a foldable and sealable packet, the method comprising:

storing electronic patient information in a database, the electronic patient information representing at least a patient;

storing electronic medication information in at least one of the database and another database, the electronic medication information representing information regarding at least one of a plurality of medications;

providing at least one of the electronic patient information and the electronic medication information to a patient caregiver;
receiving electronic instructions from the patient caregiver, the electronic instructions comprising instructions directed to medication for the patient;
printing at least a bar code on the foldable and sealable packet;
dispensing at least one medication in the foldable and sealable packet;
and
folding and sealing the foldable and sealable packet such that the packet becomes a container for the at least one medication.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising referencing at least one Internet web page to discover information directed to the at least one medication.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the step of receiving electronic instructions comprises receiving information that are electronically beamed from a personal digital assistant.

24. The method of claim 21, further comprising printing human readable information on the foldable and sealable packet.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the human readable information comprises at least one of a medication warning, drug recall information, batch number, lot number, patient information, medication fill date, medication quantity, dosage, and directions for consumption.

26. A method for dispensing medication to a patient, the method comprising:
electronically receiving caregiver instructions, said caregiver instructions representing information regarding medication for the patient;
printing of a foldable and sealable packet;
folding of the foldable and sealable packet;
dispensing at least one medication into the foldable and sealable packet;

sealing the foldable and sealable packet;
and distributing the foldable sealable packet containing the at least one medication to the patient.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the step of distributing the medication further comprises:

reading a bar code image on a wrist band worn by the patient to extract wrist band information;

reading a bar code image on the foldable and sealable packet to extract content information, the content information representing the contents of the foldable and sealable packet;

comparing the wrist band information with the content information; and

providing the patient with the foldable and sealable packet containing the medication after confirming the wrist band information corresponds with the content information.

28. The method of claim 14, wherein the bars of the linear portion extend continuously from the foldable and sealable packet to the removable tab portion.